

Library Connections

Catawba County Library System

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Library News Site

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On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! with Our Summer Reading Program

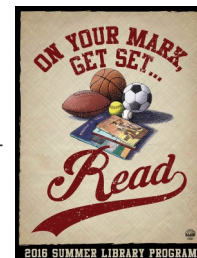
Do you know that children who don't read over the summer can lose up to three months of reading achievement? The American Sociological Review reports that summer learning loss accounts for about two-thirds of the ninth grade achievement gap in reading. Summer reading at the Library keeps kids engaged in learning all summer long.

Prevent that summer slide and join us for exciting interactive programs that encourage kids and families to read and learn together. Keep a reading log to earn incentives and a chance at a drawing for prizes!

This year's themes are: Children: *"On Your Mark - Get Set - READ"*; Teens: *"Get in the Game - READ"*; Adults: *"Exercise Your Mind!"*

System-wide registration begins May 23rd with summer learning programs kicking off on June 13th. All ages are encouraged to register **online** or at your local branch. If you have questions you can call 828-465-8664 or email mylibrary@catawbacountync.gov.

Watch for more info on our social media sites and at librarynews.catawbacountync.gov.



Let Your Library Card "Take You Out to the Ballgame"

Come out and support your hometown team as we partner with the Hickory Crawdads on Monday, May 23 for their 6 pm game against the Rome Braves. If you show your Catawba County Library card at the ticket booth, you can buy a reserved seat ticket for just ***\$6.00!**



Visit one of our seven branch libraries to get your library card or you can get one that night outside of the ballpark before you purchase your tickets. Look for our table out front!

We'll also be kicking off our registration for the Summer Reading Program that night at the ballpark, so look for tables inside on the concourse and get the whole family signed up! You'll be able to specify which branch library's program you want to participate in.

(*one discounted ticket per library card)

Your Opinion Counts - Help us make the library work for you!

The Catawba County Library wants to hear from you. Throughout the month we invite everyone to take a few minutes to complete a quick survey that will show us how we're doing, and help us plan future library services that work for you.

In return for your time and input you can enter to win a Free Kindle Fire to be given away in June. The library will also waive up to \$5.00 in library fines for your completed survey. We truly appreciate your thoughts and opinions and look forward to hearing from you.

Paper copies of the survey can be found at each library location or you can complete the online survey on the library website at www.catawbacountync.gov/library and click on the survey button you see here >



Main

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Children, Teens, Family

Ready to Learn Storytimes

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 am

Preschool story time with reading readiness for ages 0-5. Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Paws to Read

Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 4:30 pm
Call to register. Children are invited to sit and read to a certified therapy dog.



STEAM: Celebrate Star Wars Day

Tuesday, May 3 at 4 pm

School-age children are invited to make Star Wars themed crafts to celebrate "May the 4th Be With You".

STEAM: Solar System Exploration

Tuesday, May 10 at 4 pm

Elementary students will explore our solar system.

STEAM: Learning Luau

Tuesday, May 17 at 4 pm

Celebrate Asian-Pacific American Heritage with Hawaiian crafts and snacks.

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STEAM: Hopscotch Math

Tuesday, May 24 at 4 pm

Children will learn math skills playing hopscotch and making sidewalk art.

STEAM: Lemonade Stand 101

Tuesday, May 31 at 4 pm

Kids will be mixing and measuring to make their own lemonade.

Adults, Career, and Tech

HP Life for Entrepreneurs

Tuesday, May 3 at 6 pm

Are you interested in starting your own business? Join Darcie Tumey, Director for Business Administration at CVCC, as she walks us through HP Life, a new, free, online e-learning platform teaching essential skills needed for successful entrepreneurial activity. These self paced courses include profit and loss, finding your target audience, selling online, and much more.



Bank on it it/Check it Out:

Thursday, May 5 at 6 pm

Learn how to choose a checking account and manage it responsibly with Kim Watson, financial representative from Western and Southern Life.

TinkerCad 101

Tuesday, May 10 at 6 pm

Learn how to create 3-D files using TinkerCad, a free online Computer Aided Design (CAD) software. Participants will create a simple object using geometric shapes and letters that will be printed using our 3-D printer.

Microsoft Word Basics:

Thursday, May 12 at 10 am

This workshop is intended to help new Word users get comfortable with the word processing software. Participants will learn how to create, edit, save, and print documents.

Movie Night- "The Choice" - PG-13

Thursday, May 12 at 5:30 pm

Come enjoy the latest Nicholas Sparks book brought to life on film.

Knitting Drop In

Saturday, May 14 at 3 pm

Need help with your knitting? Want to meet others who enjoy this fun and relaxing hobby? Stop by our knitting drop in and bring your questions and projects.

The Man Series: Brew

Monday, May 16 at 6:30 pm

Join Paul Watkins, award winning home brewer, as he shares the ingredients, equipment, and steps you need to take to start brewing at home.



Senior Art Outreach

Sponsored by Hickory Museum of Art

Tuesday, May 17 from 10 am - 12 pm

Theresa Gloster, internationally recognized Folk Artist from Lenoir, NC, paints scenes from her childhood memories, using vibrant colors, whimsical brushwork and any surface or object that may come her way. She'll be providing this interesting class for seniors, giving you the opportunity to paint your own folk art. All materials will be provided. Space is limited to 20 so please call to register.

Downloading Digital Books

Tuesday, May 17 at 2 pm

Learn how to download eBooks and audio books from the North Carolina Digital Library onto your mobile device or laptop.

Learn, Act, Grow Garden Series:

Weed Management

Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 pm

Join Dr. George Place, Catawba County Cooperative Extension Director, to learn more about to win the war on weeds in your garden this summer.



Spring Cleaning – Life Hacks

Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 pm

Come learn how to use the latest life hacks to organize and de-clutter your space from home to office.

3-D Basics

Tuesday, May 24 at 6 pm

Learn the foundations of 3-D printing, find out what 3-D printing is, how it works, and where you can find resources to discover, create, and share 3-D printable files.

Email Set Up and Practice

Thursday, May 26 at 10 am

Gmail is a Google based email application that's great for sending, receiving, and organizing your email to make it more manageable. This workshop will explore how to set up a Gmail account, navigate through email messages, and look at general functions and settings.

Documentary Film- "Of Men and War"

Thursday, May 26 at 5 pm

Join us for a viewing and discussion of this PBS documentary based on soldiers who have come home but whose minds remain on the battlefield. Dealing with an array of post trauma, some are going to the Pathway Home in California, a first of its kind PTSD treatment center, where soldiers resolve to stop the damage. Over five years, the film follows the men and their families on their grueling paths to recovery as they attempt to make peace with their pasts, their loved ones and themselves.

Claremont

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Children

Crafturday: Ocean

Saturday, May 14 at 1 pm

Enjoy some quality time with your family as we make ocean-themed crafts including cupcake liner fish, sand foam, and paper cup jellyfish.

Summer Reading Registration Begins

Monday, May 23 all day



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Adults, Career, and Tech

Technology Tutoring

Every Thursday, by appt.

Call the library to book an hour long session with a librarian to learn new skills and solve your technology problems. You can learn anything from finding and printing recipes online to selling on eBay.

Conover

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Children & Families

Baby Bounce

Every Wednesday at 10 am

This sweet and simple 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play and singing for ages 3-18 months. Playtime after.

Little Learning Party

Every Friday at 10 am

Experience the joy of learning with your little ones while we sing, dance, read and play games. This 30 minute story time is followed by a craft and playtime.

"Pete the Cat" Party

Friday, May 6 at 2 pm

Celebrate the popular picture book character with this event all about Pete the Cat. Play games, make crafts, and explore the books together through this interactive program for ages 3 and up.



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Monday, May 23 all day

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Adults, Career and Tech

Intro to Computers

Tuesday, May 10 at 3 pm

This class is for anyone just beginning to learn how to use a computer. We will briefly go over the physical computer parts, how to turn the computer on and off, the desktop, Start menu, and how to use the mouse.

DIY Spa Party

Tuesday, May 17 at 6 pm

Make your own scented bath bombs and peppermint shower melts to liven up your home beauty routine. All materials are provided by the library in this family-friendly program for adults. Please call to register.

Youtube Basics

Tuesday, May 24 at 3 pm

Dive into the world of YouTube, an online platform that allows you to share and watch community generated videos. Find out how to change a tire on a car, search for music, or learn how to connect with others who share your interests in this program.



Maiden

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Children

Ready to Learn

Thursdays at 9:30 am

Preschool story time with reading readiness for ages 0-5. Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

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Adults, Career, and Tech

Learn, Act, Grow Garden Series:

Weed Management

Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 pm

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Sherrills Ford-Terrell

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Children, Teens, Family

Ready to Learn

Wednesday & Thursday at 10 am

Preschool story time with reading readiness for ages 0-5. Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Baby Bounce

Tuesday's at 2 pm

This sweet and simple 30 minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners.



"May the 4th Be With You" Star Wars Trivia

Wednesday, May 4 at 4 pm

Say "May the 4th Be With You" out loud and you'll hear the pun that Star Wars fans worldwide have turned into a rallying cry to proclaim their love of the saga. Come test your knowledge of Star Wars Trivia. Grades 6-12. Please call to Register.

Pawsitive Reading

Thursday, May 5 from 3:30 - 5 pm

Call to register: 15-20 minute sessions. Have a pawsitive reading experience! Come read to certified therapy dogs, Maggie and Brandy.

Matinee at the Library

Saturday, May 7 at 1 pm

Come to the library for a matinee. Showing: *Star Wars – The Force Awakens* (PG-13)

Get Caught Reading!

Wednesday, May 11 all day

May is "Get Caught Reading Month". Stop by the library, grab a comfy chair or bean bag and read! Get rewarded for getting caught reading.

Second Annual: You, Me and a Cup of Tea!

Thursday, May 12 at 3:30 pm

Back by popular demand is our tea party. We are celebrating our moms by hosting a tea party in their honor. Bring your children with you for tea, food and fun! Grades K-5. Please call to Register.

Weeklong Lei Day Celebration

May 16-20

Hawaii's celebration of May Day as Lei Day began in 1927 to honor lei-making and the custom of wearing lei. Stop by the library this week to make a colorful paper flower lei.



Stories & More: Fairytales Reloaded!

Thursday, May 19 at 3:30 pm

Think you know fairytales? We will read fairytales that are slightly different from the traditional. Join us for stories, games and more. Grades K-3. Please call to Register.

Science Saturdays: Disneynature Bears (G)

Saturday, May 21 at 1 pm

Join us for this Disneynature documentary that takes viewers through the Alaskan wilderness following mama bear Sky and her young cubs.

Summer Reading Registration Begins

Monday, May 23 all day



Children, teens, and adults can begin signing up online or stop by your local branch.

Adults, Career, and Tech

Computer and Tablet Drop-In Sessions

Every other Tuesday from 6-7 pm

Have a computer or E-reader question? Drop in and we will help. You can also call to set up a one-on-one appointment anytime.

Legacy Finders: Unfold Your Story

Monday, May 2 at 6 pm

Legacy Finders guides individuals, families, organizations and communities in the discovery of their histories in order to ensure that their stories are preserved for future generations. Join co-owners Mary Greene and William Solt as they discuss how to begin researching your story. Please call to Register.

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 pm

Sharing our thoughts and impressions on *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. *Black-Eyed Susans* by Julia Haeblerlin will be discussed in June.



World War II: VE Day*Monday, May 9 all day*

In remembrance of Victory in Europe Day (May 8), the day that marks Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces in WW II, Veterans can stop by the library and receive a flag and a thank you in honor of your service.

Introduction to Microsoft Word*Tuesday, May 10 at 6 pm*

This class covers Microsoft Word 2007. The composition and editing of documents; basic page formatting; creating headers, footers, footnotes, etc.; utilizing views and styles, spelling and grammar checking and more.

Spring Author's Alley*Monday, May 16 from 5-7 pm*

Spring into some good books. Stop by the library and meet local authors. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Featuring: Ellen Abernathy, P.S. Broadus, RLB Hartmann, Dr. Pat Looper, Elizabeth Michels, Dr. Ashley Oliphant, Carolee Duckworth, and Denise Surratt-Taylor. Light refreshments will be served.

History of Balls Creek Campground and Camp Meetings (sponsored by SFT Friends of the Library)*Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 pm*

Join Robert Eades and his aunt, Una Mae Brown (who's been attending camp meeting for 92 years), to learn more about this interesting part of local history. They'll share with us the history of Camp Meetings and stories of how they've changed over the years.

Senior Art Outreach**Sponsored by Hickory Museum of Art***Thursday, May 19 from 10 am - 12 pm*

Theresa Gloster, internationally recognized Folk Artist from Lenoir, NC, paints scenes from her childhood memories, using vibrant colors, whimsical brushwork and any surface or object that may come her way. She'll be providing this interesting class for seniors, giving you the opportunity to paint your own folk art. All materials will be provided. Space is limited to 20 so please call to register.

**Introduction to Smartphones***Tuesday, May 24 at 6 pm*

Bring your smartphone and learn the basics or how to maximize your use of it.

NC LIVE Exploration Series*Friday, May 27 at 11 am*

NC LIVE provides free, online access to powerful and reliable information and resources. This month we'll explore NC LIVE's Government & Law section that includes everything from resources to answer your legal questions to free online access to the Wall Street Journal.

Southwest**828.466.6818****Children****Ready to Learn Preschool Story times**

Wednesday at 10 & Thursdays at 11:00 am
Preschool story time with reading readiness for ages 0-5. Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Summer Reading Registration Begins*Monday, May 23 all day*

Children, teens, and adults can begin signing up online or stop by your local branch.

Adults and Tech**Catawba Crafters***Mondays at 6 pm, Fridays at Noon*

The crafters are back! Come with your own project or work on a hat, scarf or hand warmers for the homeless, or other charitable organization! Enjoy the company of other creative crafty individuals!

How to Upload Photos*Friday May 6 at 10 am*

Want to get that picture off your phone and onto Facebook or elsewhere? This is your class. Also includes helpful hints to organize your pictures!

Senior Art Outreach**Sponsored by Hickory Museum of Art***Wednesday, May 18 from 1:30-3:30 pm*

Theresa Gloster, internationally recognized Folk Artist from Lenoir, NC, paints scenes from her childhood memories, using vibrant colors, whimsical brushwork and any surface or object that may come her way. She'll be providing this interesting class for seniors, giving you the opportunity to paint your own folk art. All materials will be provided. Space is limited to 20 so please call to register.

St. Stephens**828.466.6821****Children, Teens, Family****Ready to Learn Preschool Story times***Wednesday & Thursdays at 10 am**Each Tuesday evening at 6 pm*

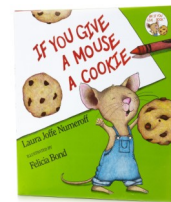
Join in the fun with stories, songs, creative movement, craft activities, and more that encourage development of Early Literacy skills in young children.

Crafternoons – Mother's Day Gifts*Thursday, May 5 at 4 pm*

School aged children are invited to make a variety of Mother's Day gifts for Mom and Grandma. Nothing will make mothers happier than receiving a gift made and given with love.

Children's Book Week Celebration*Friday, May 13 at 4 pm*

Celebrate Children's Book Week as we read a selection of Laura Joffe Numeroff titles including *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. After the stories, we will decorate and eat cookies.

**Movies at the Library: "Star Wars: Episode VII, the Force Awakens"***Friday, May 20 at 4 pm*

Enjoy the movie, popcorn and a drink—as well as a lot of fun. Movie is rated PG-13.

Summer Reading Registration Begins*Monday, May 23 all day*

Children, teens, and adults can begin signing up online or stop by your local branch.

Adults, Career, and Tech**Knitting for Beginners***Monday, May 2 at 6 pm*

Join the Knitting Group to learn beginning skills, increase your skills, or just to chat with other knitters.

First Time Homeowners Workshop*Monday, May 9 at 6 pm*

Are you ready to purchase a home? Come join us to find out if home ownership is right for you. This event will help you gain a basic understanding of how the home buying and home financing process works so you will be better able to make an informed decision. Marti Ward, Mortgage Consultant at Wells Fargo, will be presenting this program.

**Online Job Help***Wednesday, May 11 at 10 am*

If you are looking for a job and need help with online job applications, online resumes, searching online job listings or getting a free email account, this is the workshop for you. Please call for more information.

Beginner's Microsoft Word 2007*Wednesday, May 25 at 10 am*

Learn to create a document, change font size and color, spell and grammar check, printing and saving documents. Please call for more information.

